

WEATHER CROP BULLETIN.

RAIN NEEDED IN MANY STATES—NEW CORN FOR SALE IN KANSAS.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The following is the weather-crop bulletins issued by the Weather Bureau:

Temperature.—The week was warmer than usual, except in the upper Missouri Valley and over the southern and central plateau regions. The excess in temperature was greatest in the Northern States east of the Mississippi, where the daily average temperature was about six degrees above the normal. In the Southern States the excess was very slight, ranging generally from 2 to 4 degrees per day, except in southern Arkansas and northeastern Texas, where the temperature was slightly below the normal. In Montana and west North Dakota the week was cool, the daily temperature ranging from 4 to 8 degrees below the normal, and on the Pacific Coast the temperature was normal in the vicinity of San Francisco, while it was warmer both to the north and south of that station, the daily excess in Oregon and Washington amounting to 4 degrees per day.

Rainfall.—The rainfall was greater than usual over the upper Mississippi Valley, in the lower lake region, the upper Ohio Valley, in northern Texas and the southern portion of the South Atlantic States. There was also an excess of precipitation from west Kansas northward to South Dakota. General rains occurred along the Atlantic coast, and showers were reported from the Gulf States northward to Lake Michigan, and from Minnesota westward to Montana. Light local showers reported from the Rocky Mountain country, but no rainfall occurred on the Pacific coast south of Washington. The seasonal rainfall increased in excess from Alabama northward to New-England, and from Texas northward to South Dakota. In the central valleys the seasonal rainfall generally exceeds 80 per cent of the normal, except in the south and west portions of Louisiana, where about sixty per cent of the normal rainfall is reported.

General News.—England: Drought severe in central and southeastern portions; pastures suffering, wells and cisterns very low. Corn has grown well. Potatoes promise a large yield, and there is but little rot reported. Tobacco promises an excellent crop.

New-York.—The oat and barley harvest is progressing favorably with a large yield in prospect; corn growing fairly well; potatoes located near by, rot; severe storm in western counties did damage on fruit and grain.

Pennsylvania.—The warm, bright weather has been particularly favorable for farm work, and has advanced all growing crops. Corn is excellent. Potatoes are the most abundant, and have suffered little rot reported.

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Maryland.—The weather conditions have been gradually favorable to all crops, except to corn in Eastern Maryland. In Charles County the heat, rain and wind storm on the 12th did some damage to crops. Fruits and vegetables are abundant.

Texas.—Cotton-picking is becoming general and the crop promises a good yield. Some worms reported, but no particular damage.

Tennessee.—Late corn and other growing crops need rain badly. Tobacco is not developing, owing to drought; some early tobacco is being cut. Cotton is fruiting well and the warm, dry weather was beneficial.

Kentucky.—The hot, dry weather has been detrimental to corn and tobacco, and the latter will not be more than three-fourths of a crop. Fruit is abundant. Hemp promises well.

Oklahoma.—Corn continues to promise well, but has suffered some from drought, as have potatoes and pastures. The oat yield is large.

Michigan.—More rain is needed for corn and potatoes. Young clover is suffering from the dry, hot weather.

Illinoian.—Crop conditions greatly improved. Corn will be a heavy crop if not injured by frost. The soil is in excellent condition for fall ploughing.

Indiana.—The rainfall was very badly distributed and was generally deficient. More rain is needed to insure a good corn crop in the greater portion of the State.

Iowa.—Corn is improving rapidly. Grain in stacks is sprouting on account of excessive moisture. Some damage is reported in localities by excessive rains, accompanied by hail and high winds.

Wisconsin.—In the southeast and central counties potato crop is in a rather bad state. The drought is also severe in the eastern and northwestern counties. In the northeast counties everything promises well. Tobacco will be a fine yield. Corn is rather poor.

Minnesota.—Harvesting has begun both and is under way or nearly completed in southern portions. Rain is needed in southeastern counties for corn, flax and potatoes. Some damage by hail is reported from localities in central and extreme southwest counties. Corn continues improving.

North and South Dakota.—Harvesting has commenced generally throughout the north. Some damage is reported from drought and by heat and local hailstorms. There have been ample moisture for corn. Flax, potatoes and beans doing well in most localities, and steadily gaining on the season. Hail is completed.

Nebraska.—The warm, dry and sunnyish week was very favorable to the agricultural interests. Corn has made rapid progress and has attained a large growth of stalk that is earing well. The crop continues decidedly backward, however.

Missouri.—Local rains have partly relieved the drought in southwest counties but many localities in the central and southeast sections are suffering greatly for rain. The conditions were favorable to crops in the northwest counties.

Kansas.—Conditions beneficial, except in southeast counties, where no rain fell. Flax harvest about ended. Corn in excellent condition; new corn in market in Chautauqua County.

Colorado.—Weather favorable to harvesting and maturing crops. Corn is in fine condition. Potatoes are better than the average. Fruit yields are very promising. Wheat is stacked, and some threshed.

Oregon.—Spring wheat ripening. Corn in fine condition. All fruit is above the average, except apples and prunes. Melons plentiful.

California.—In the extreme northern portion there was some damage to gardens by frost. The fruit prospects were not better. The wheat yield will be above the average, and the quality is excellent. Hop picking progressing in southern portion of State, and the quality is good. Grain threshing continues. Barley is being stored awaiting better prices.

ITALIAN FRUIT VENDERS HAVE A FESTIVAL.

The Italian Fruit Vendors' Association, which was organized to further the interests of the 6,000 Italians who are engaged in the vending of fruit in this city, held its annual reception and mid-summer festival yesterday afternoon and evening at the Harlem River Park. Six hundred members of the association with their families were present and enjoyed the fine programme of music, dancing, target practice and other pastimes. The park was gayly decorated with the Italian flag and the Stars and Stripes. A novel feature of the festival was the fruit exhibition, which was the first the association had ever attempted. Large baskets of luscious fruits artistically arranged were shown by about twenty dealers, and then there was a big display of all kinds of fruit from leading wholesale houses. Gold and silver medals were awarded for the best basket designs and for the best quality of fruit.

The vocal and instrumental concert began at 2 o'clock and was under the direction of Signor R. Coletti, who also had charge of the music for the ball in the evening. A number of vocalists from the Italian Opera Company, recently from Brazil, were on the afternoon programme. In the evening a reception was held in the committee-room, at which A. Zucca, president of the association, was master of ceremonies. Mayor Hugh J. Grant was present. Short addresses were made by Dr. Condé, Dr. G. C. Bazzotti, Dr. J. Provo, Dr. Almerico, Dr. Bartoli, Dr. J. Saita and others. Over sixty Italian societies were represented at the evening exercises, and 100 Italians from Newark were present by special invitation.

DYING AT THE AGE OF 117 YEARS.

An old man died on Friday at the Colored Home and Hospital, at Sixty-fifth-st. and First-ave.—An old man died filled with recollections of days so distant that few he knew them except by books. He was a full-blooded Indian, was known as Joseph Butcher, and was born 117 years ago, near Petersburg, Va., at a place called Pocahontas, after the tribe to which he belonged. He lived in Petersburg the greater part of his life, and worked as a painter and gardener. He came to this city in 1867, and followed his trade of painter for two or three years here, when he was obliged to give up active work on account of his age. About three years ago he was admitted to the Colored Home. In the South he had been led to join the Mount Olive Baptist Church, and when he came to this city he joined the church of the same name. It was through the church people that he was taken care of during his declining days.

About sixty years ago he married a woman of his own age. His wife died three years ago at Ravencwood, L. I., at the age of 112 years. The old man had one daughter, who was the wife of Joseph Macrory, of No. 302 West Thirty-eighth-st., this city. The daughter died about three months ago, and this is supposed to be the old man's death. For a man of his age he was remarkably hardy, and although he had been unable to work for some years, he was always in good health until a few weeks before his death.

GIVING SEA AIR TO CHILDREN AND MOTHERS.

The "floating Hospital" of St. John's Guild has made this season made nineteen trips and carried 1,447 young children and their mothers from the crowded homes of the invigorating sea air; while in the winter months the "Seaside Hospital" has been used and cared for 687 patients.

These have been sent by dispensaries, hospitals, physicians and charitable institutions in every part of the city and provided for without any question or charge. The whole work is dependent upon the contributions received by the trustees gratefully acknowledge receipt of the fol-

lowing amounts: Whitall, Tatum & Co., \$100; Davis & Dotter, \$25; Mrs. L. Hasbrouck and children, \$10; Ocean County Milk Association, \$25; a group of little Sunday school children, \$7; Mr. Memmert, \$3; Mr. Korman, Jr., \$10; Mr. D. K. Young, \$2; Mr. S. \$10; Dr. C. M. McIntyre, \$1; R. Geissler, \$2; F. G. Stohmeyer & Co., \$10; Mrs. R. Farnsworth, \$2; Mr. F. Chamberlain, \$10; Frederick A. Snow, \$25; Dr. Hope Miller, \$5; James H. Goldey, \$10; G. M. Miller, \$100; Henry W. Goodrich, through "The Evening Post," \$10; Florence and Herbert, through the New-York Tribune, \$2; "Cash," \$10; total, \$787.04; previously acknowledged, \$10,111.43; grand total, \$10,895.42.

Additional funds are urgently needed to carry on this work throughout the winter. W. L. Strong, No. 501 Fifth-ave., is treasurer of the Guild.

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